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Skill: Reading Comprehension

Read the story and answer the questions.

The Liberty Bell

The Liberty Bell is located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The bell was first rung on July 8, 1776 to announce the adoption and the signing of the Declaration of Independence by the Founding Fathers of our country. Inscribed on the Liberty Bell are the words, "Proclaim Liberty throughout the land unto all the inhabitants thereof." The original name of the bell was the Province Bell. The name was changed to the Liberty Bell after the signing of the Declaration of Independence. It was rung every year on the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence until 1835, when the bell broke. Now a ceremony is held near the Liberty Bell to honor the anniversary, but the bell is not rung. There was one special occasion when the bell was rung. On June 6, 1944, when the Allied forces landed on the beaches of Normandy in France on D-Day, officials again rang the bell. Thousands of tourists still view the Liberty Bell every year when visiting Philadelphia.

1. What is the main idea of this story? (Circle the answer)
A. The Liberty Bell is an important part of the history of the United States.
B. Philadelphia is the home of the Liberty Bell.
C. The Liberty Bell has been damaged.
2. A word that means "the annual or yearly commemoration of an event" is? (Circle the answer)
A. occasion
B. anniversary
C. officials

3. What event occurred on July 8, 1776?

4. By what name was the Liberty Bell first known?

5. For what one event was the Liberty Bell rung after 1835?
